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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE

**SUBJECT:** Renaming Loudoun Station Drive to Ashburn Metro Drive

**ELECTION DISTRICT(S)**: Broad Run

**CRITICAL ACTION DATE**: At the pleasure of the Board

**STAFF CONTACT(S)**: Kent Erwin, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Glass

**PURPOSE**: To consider renaming Loudoun Station Drive to Ashburn Metro Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**: Supervisor Glass recommends approval of renaming Loudoun Station Drive to Ashburn Metro Drive to better identify and access the Ashburn Metro Station.

**BACKGROUND**: Supervisor Glass has heard concerns from residents who plan to use the Ashburn Metro Station, that the name of the street used to access the northern bridge of the station is confusing. The street is currently named Loudoun Station Drive, after the Loudoun Station development located at the site. However, the Metrorail station located on Loudoun Station Drive is named Ashburn Station. The Loudoun Gateway Station (the next station down the Silver Line) is located two miles away on Lockridge Road.

The only currently addressed parcel/structure on Loudoun Station Drive is the Ashburn Metro Station itself, outlined in light blue in Figure 1 (Parcel ID: <u>089360732000</u>). The station is owned by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Supervisor Glass reached out to WMATA who stated no preference one way or another regarding the address of the Ashburn Metro Station.

After consulting with the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information, Supervisor Glass determined that Ashburn Metro Drive is an available road name within Loudoun County and appropriate for the street. She believes a name change will provide clarity for drivers, pedestrians, and public safety personnel as to what road is used to access the Ashburn Metrorail Station.



Figure 1, Loudoun Station Drive and the Ashburn Metro Station.

**ISSUES**: Loudoun Station Drive cannot be renamed Ashburn Station Drive because Ashburn Station Place already exists in the County. <u>Section 1020.05(b)</u> of the County's street naming ordinance prohibits duplicate names of roadways.

**FISCAL IMPACT**: The fiscal impacts of the road renaming will be minimal with only a few property owner notifications and approximately two street sign replacements. Each sign replacement costs approximately \$800. This small fiscal impact can be absorbed within the FY 2022 budget.

## **DRAFT MOTIONS:**

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information to rename Loudoun Station Drive to Ashburn Metro Drive.

OR

2. I move an alternate motion.